

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
ONO et al. )  
Application Number: -To be Assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE )

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to eliminate the multiple dependency of claims and thereby reduce the filing fee in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please substitute the claims currently on file with the following amended claims:

- 9 (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 7, wherein the pixel electrodes have a planar shape and the common electrodes have linear regions.

Please add the following new claim:

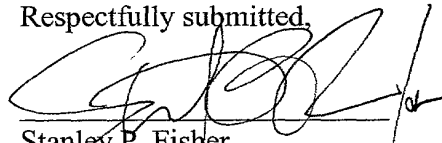
44. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 8, wherein the pixel electrodes have a planar shape and the common electrodes have linear regions.

**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended claim 9 and added claim 44. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

In view of the above amendments and Applicant's comments stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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**MARKED UP VERSION OF THE CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

9. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 7 ~~or claim 8~~, wherein the pixel electrodes have a planar shape and the common electrodes have linear regions.